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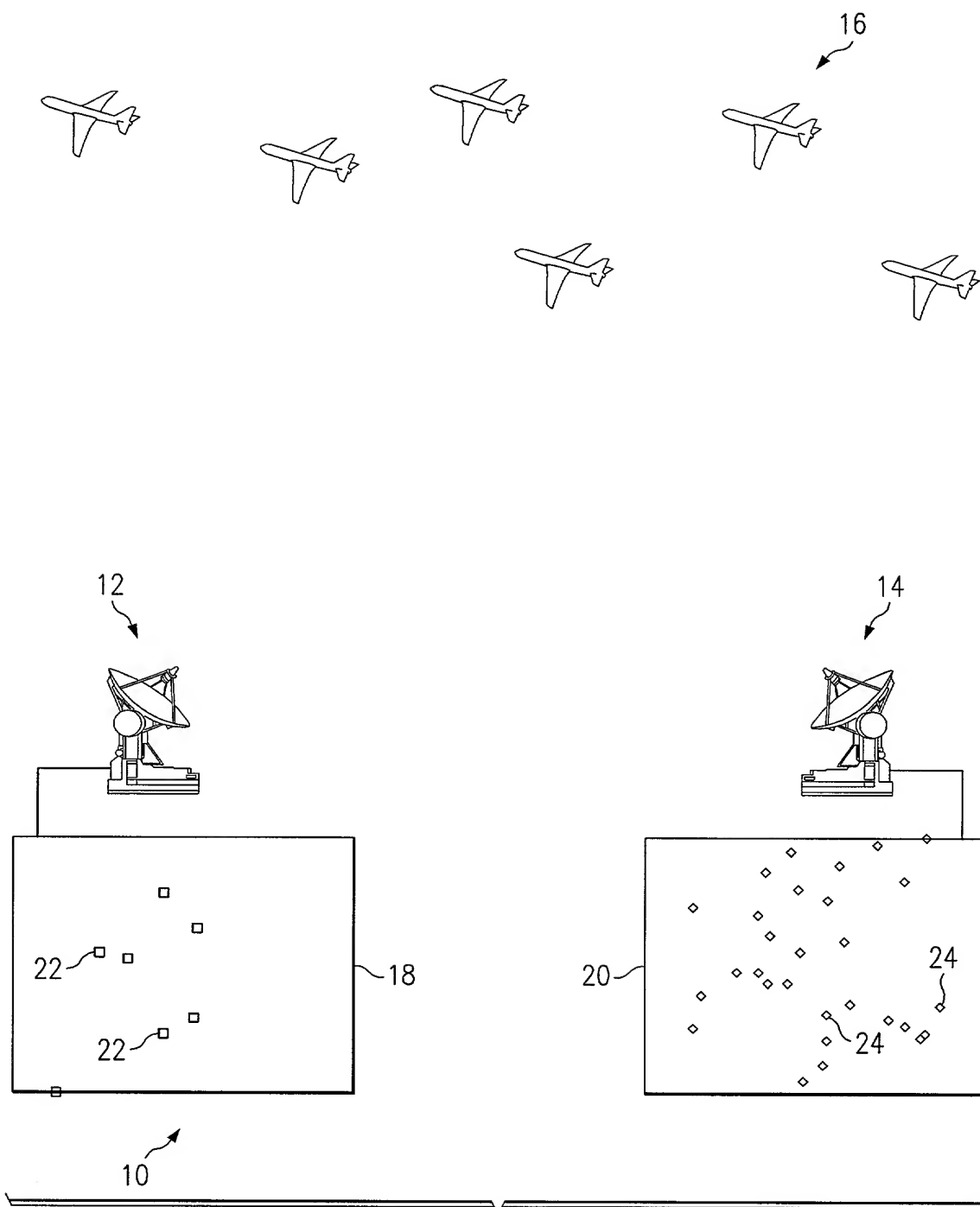


FIG. 1

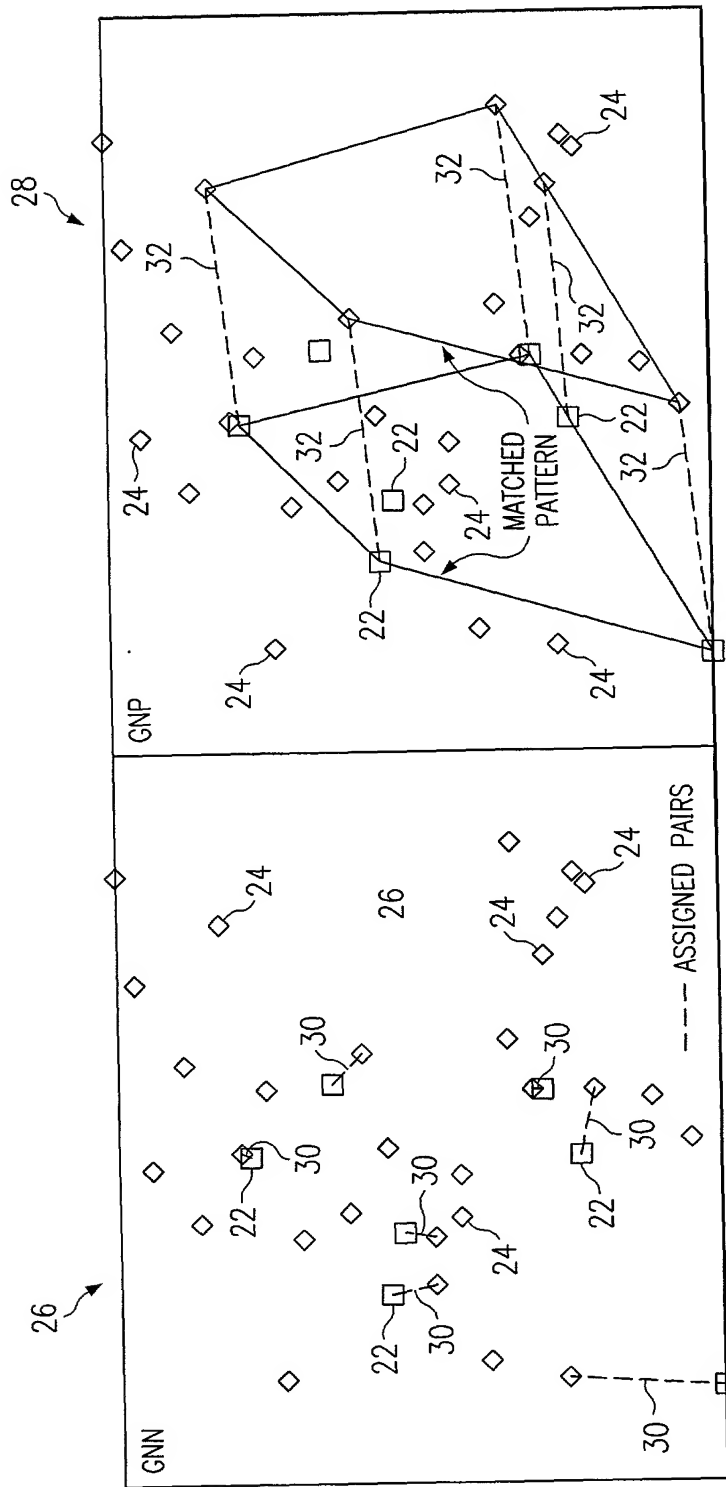
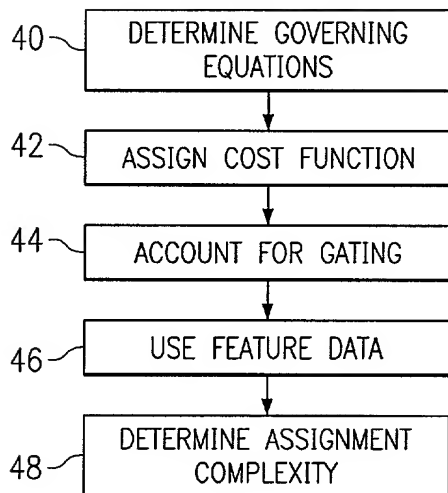
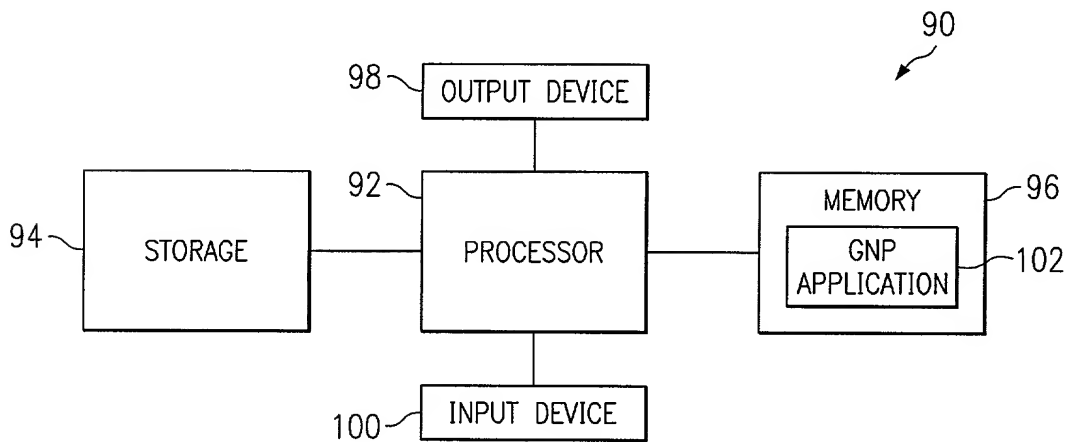
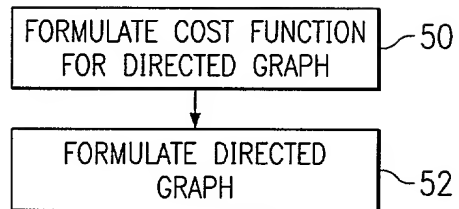
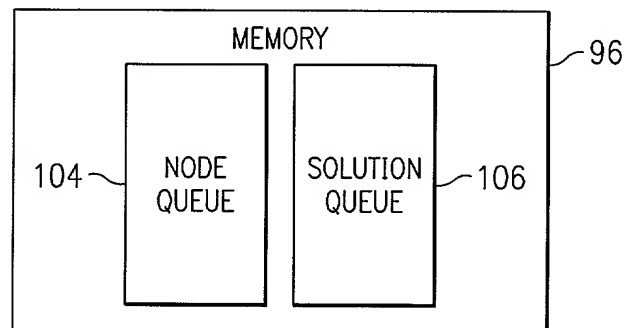


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*FIG. 3**FIG. 4**FIG. 6A**FIG. 6B*

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FIG. 5A

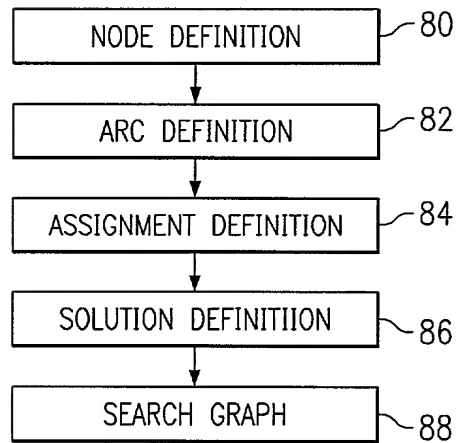
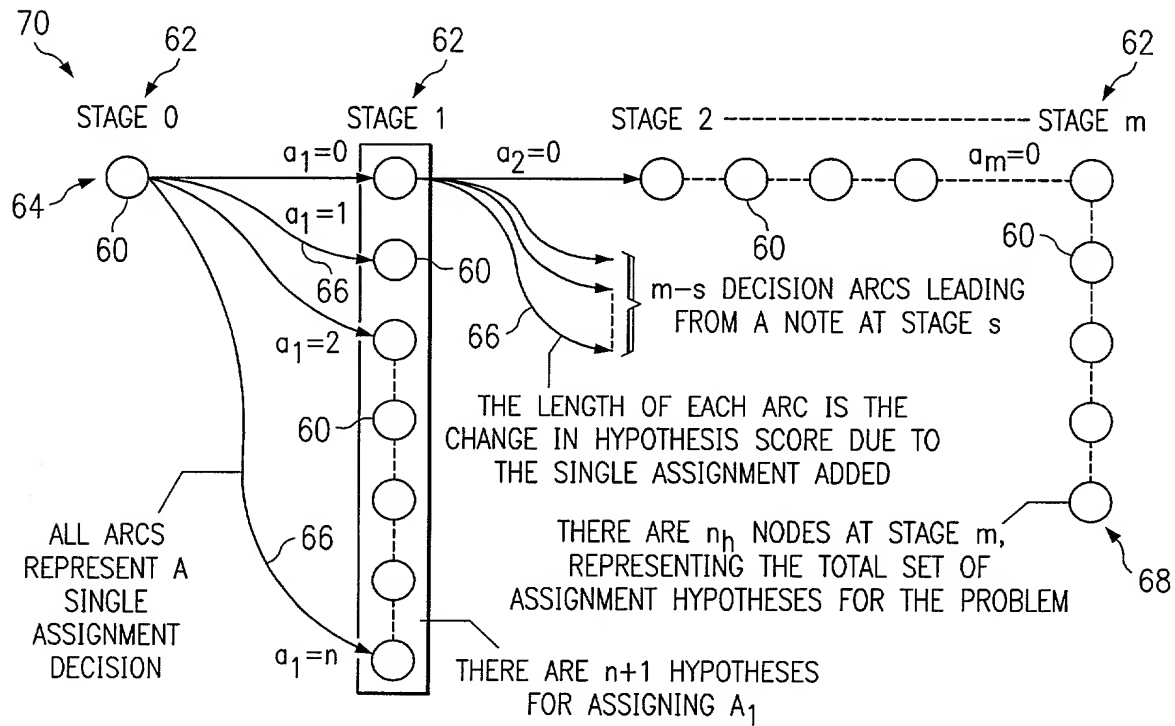


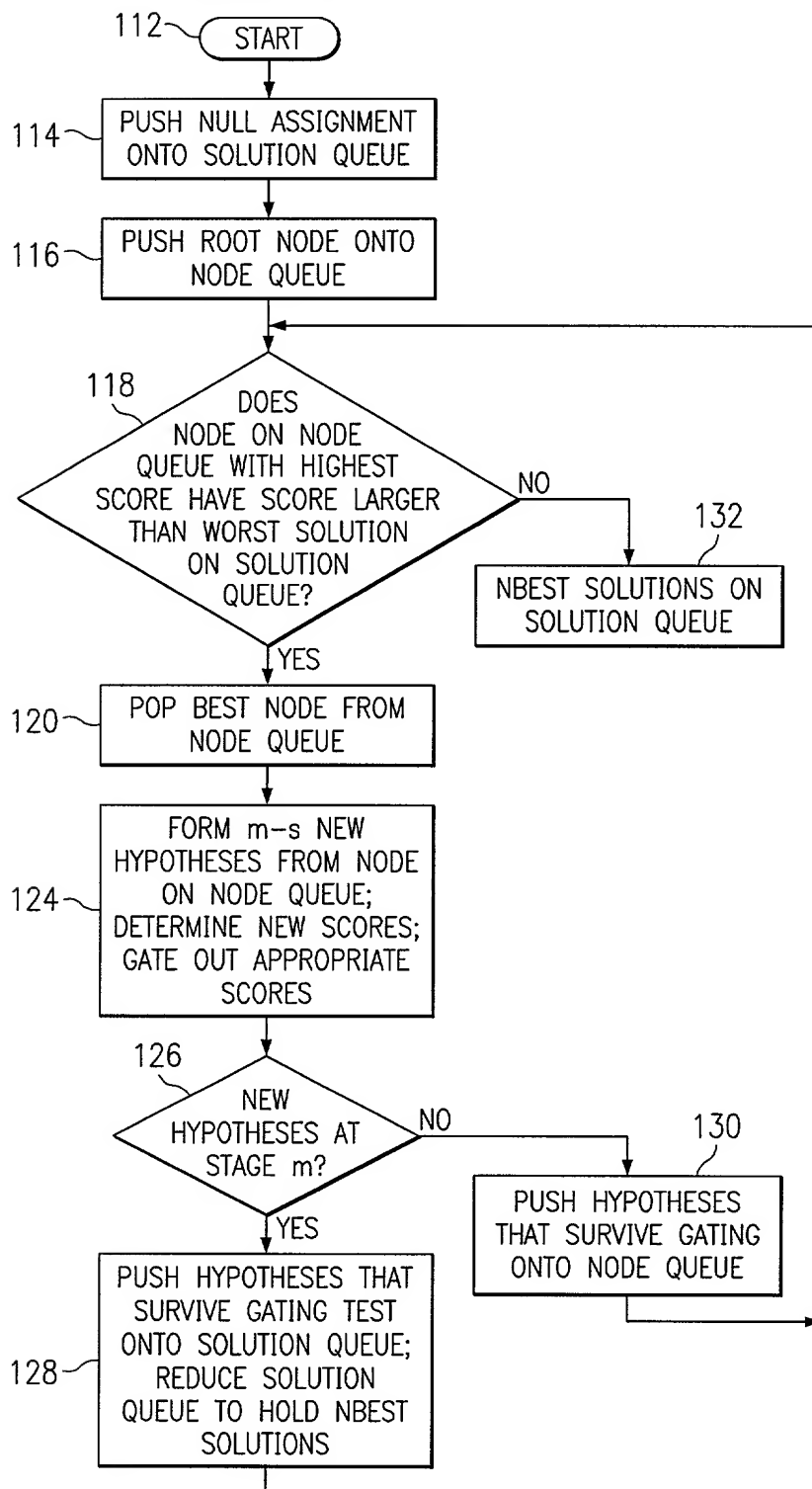
FIG. 5B

$k$  ASSIGNMENT DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AT STAGE  $s$ . EACH NODE AT STAGE  $s$  HAS  $(m-s)$  DECISION ARCS LEADING FROM IT. STAGE  $m$  HAS ALL COMPLETED HYPOTHESES.



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FIG. 7



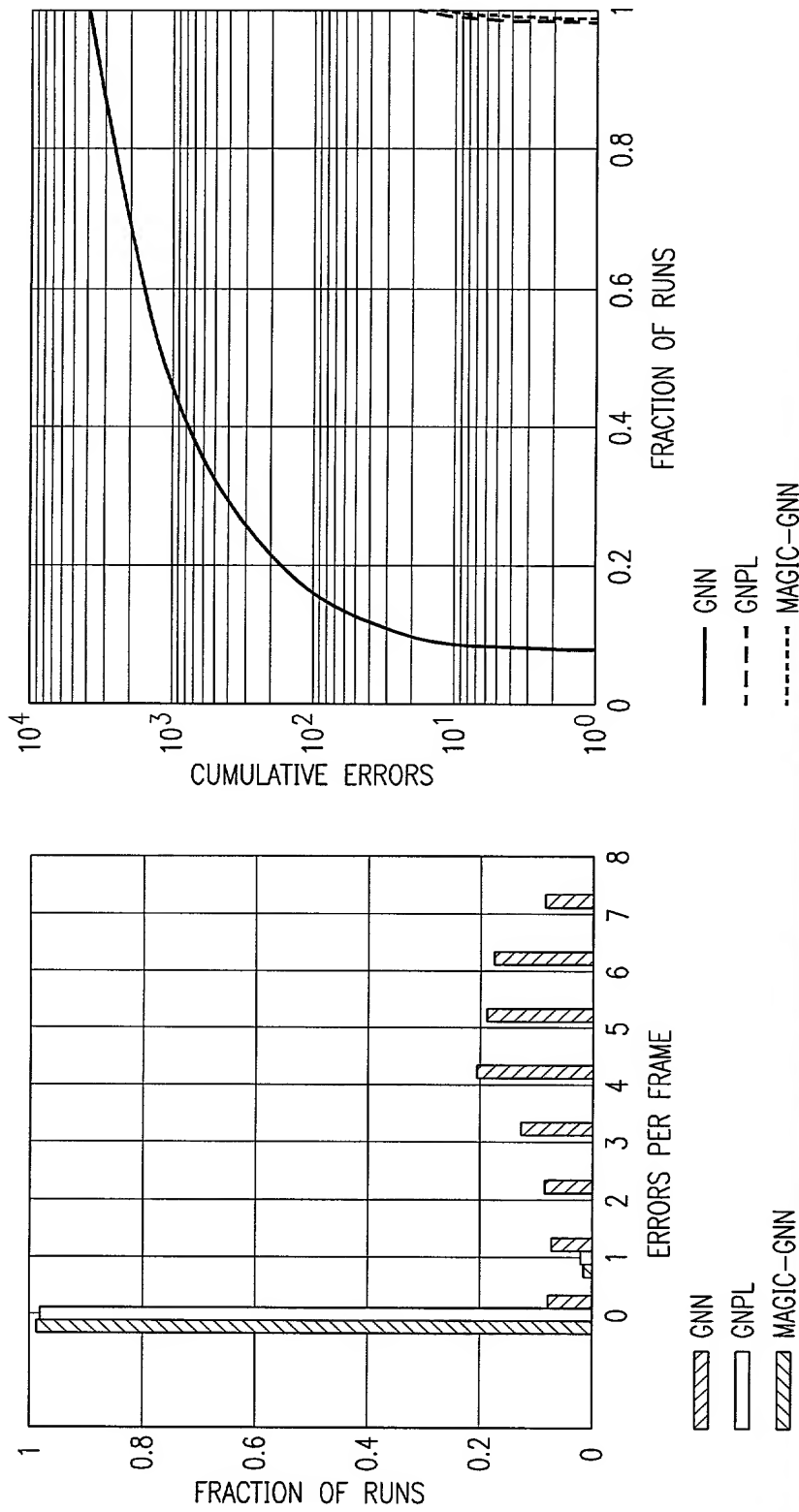


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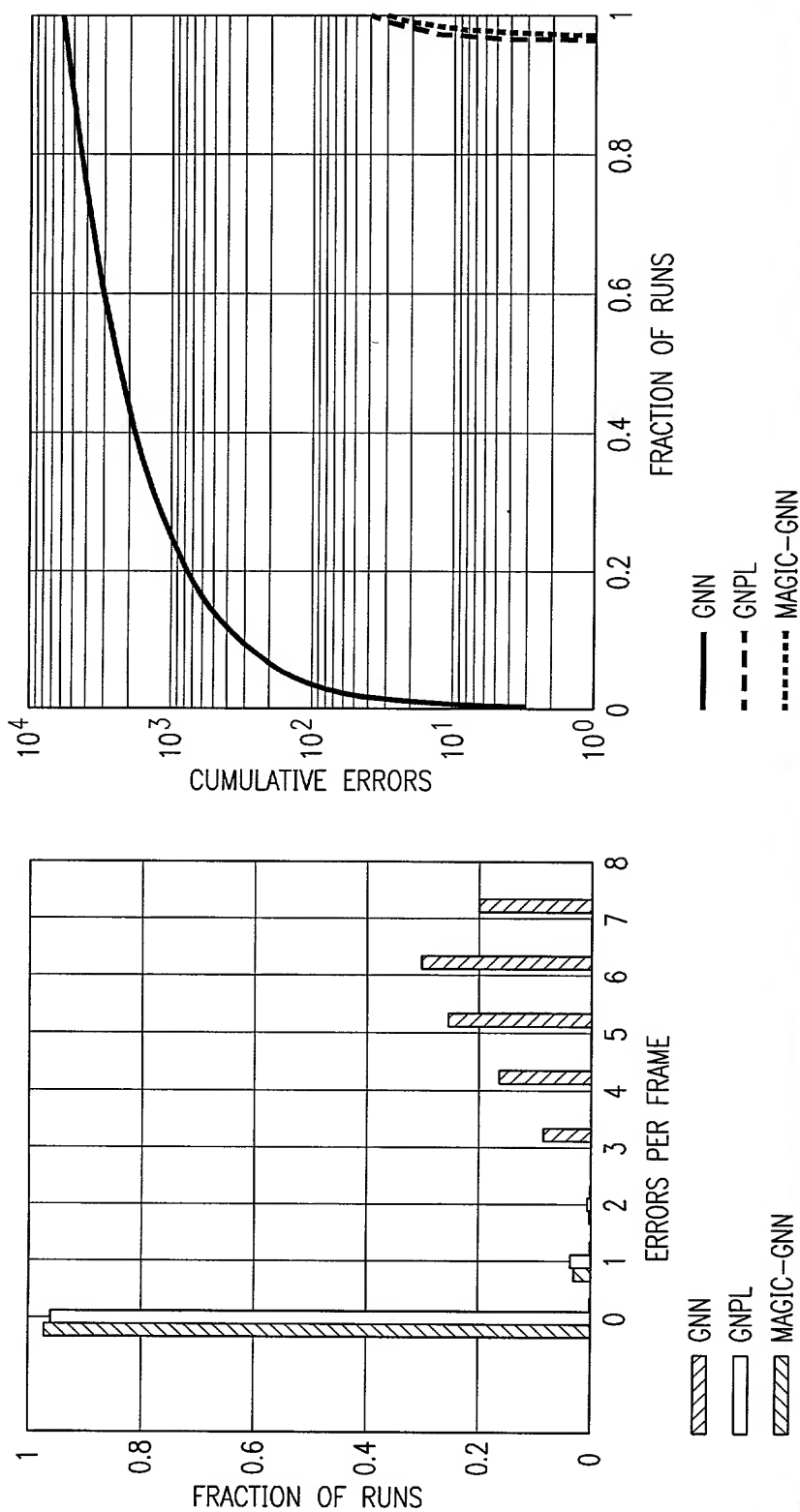


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FIG. 10

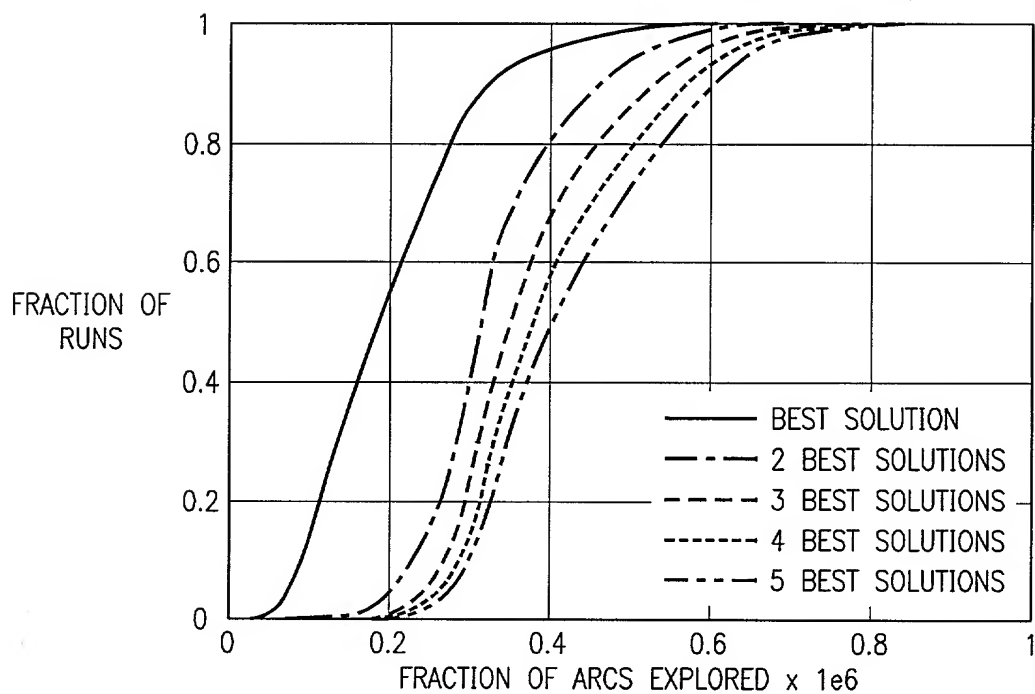
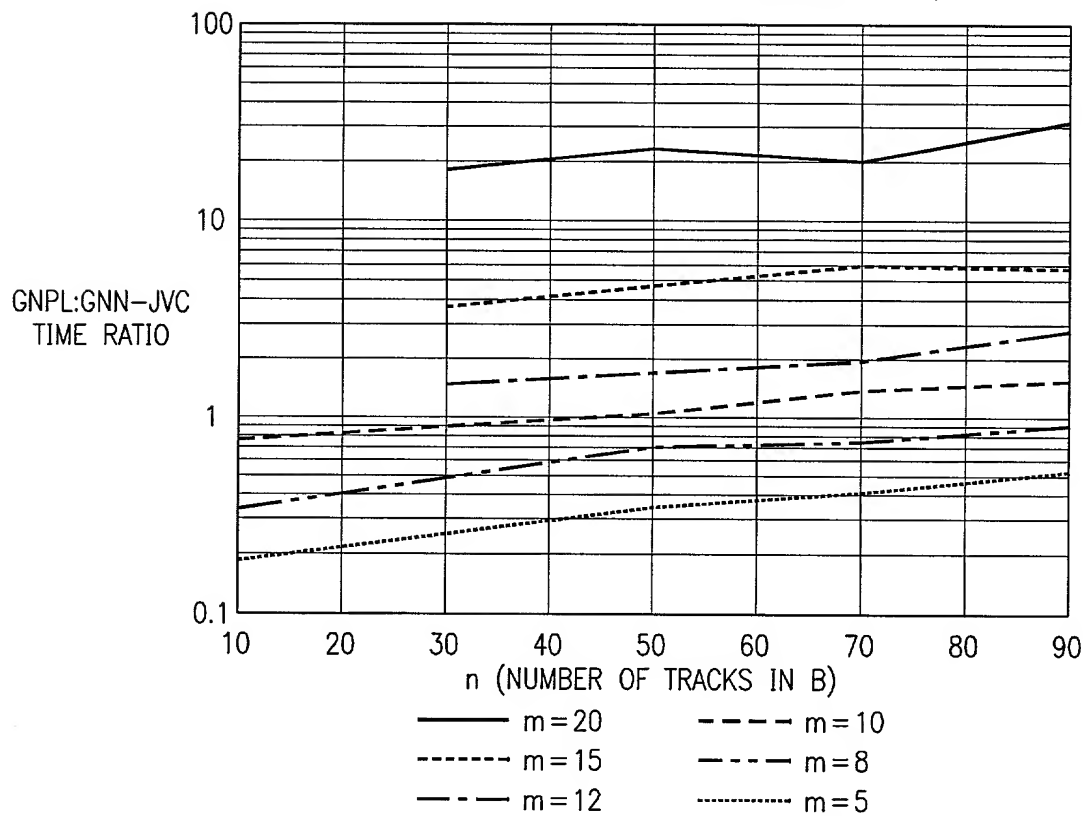


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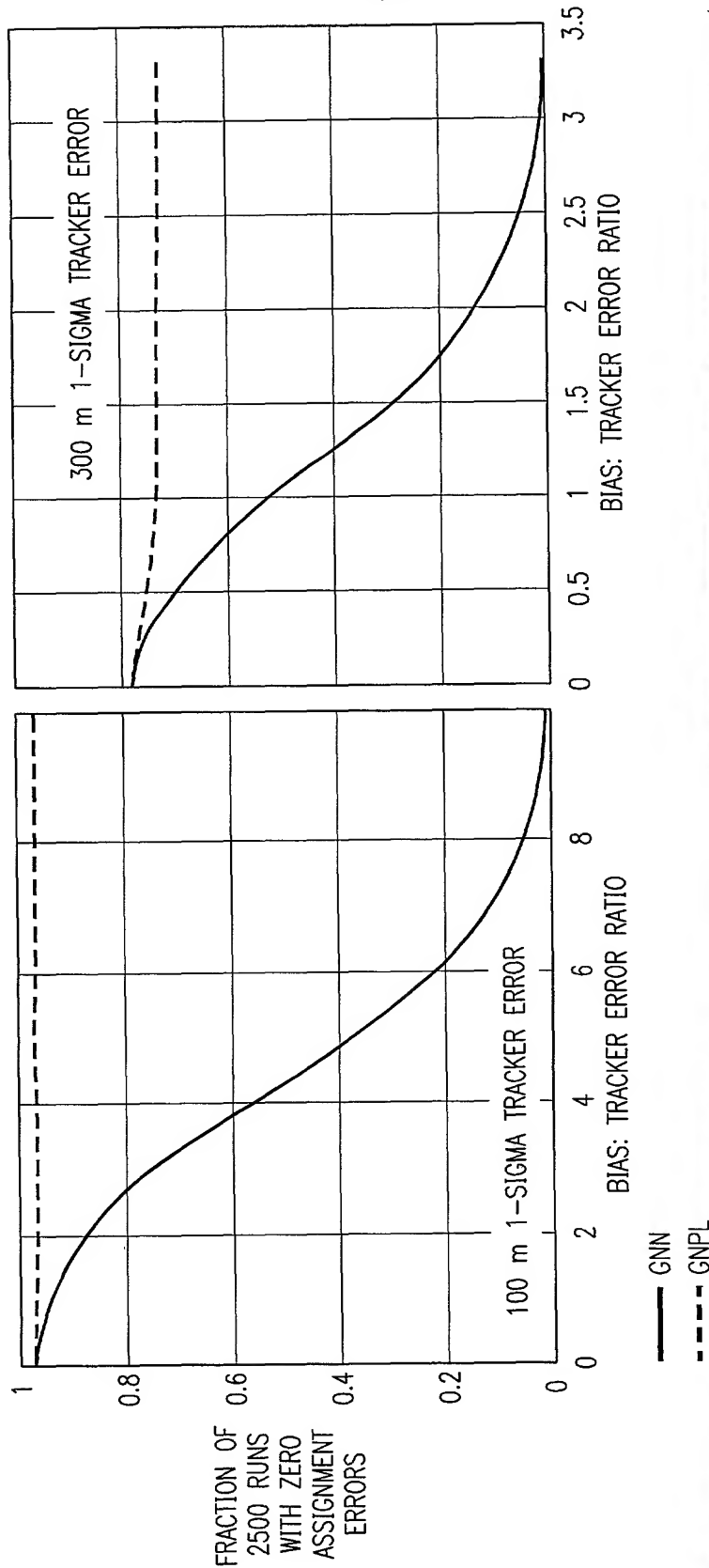


FIG. 12